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Description: ff. iii + 53 + iii - Original calf, gold tooled. Back cover repaired, original cover laid on. - Written for John, first Baron Petre (1549-1613, created Baron Petre 1603). Sotheby's, 3 March 1924. Bought for Spencer in 1924. - Dictionary Catalog, Spencer Collection, 903. De Ricci, 1338. A.H. Scott-Elliot and E. Yeo, "Calligraphic Manuscripts of Esther Inglis (1571-1624): A Catalogue," The Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America 84 (1990), 10-86, no. 13.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 7

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Language: English *Country:* England *Century:* 17th

Part 1: ff. 1-53v

Description: - Paper - 108 x 152 mm - Up to 20 long lines per page; most pages contain one verse of 8 long lines.

Country: England

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XVII^{1/4}

Searchable Date Range: 1600 - 1625

Dated by scribe: Yes

Inscribed Date: 1609, January 1

Document: No

Number of Scribes: ;1

Scribe(s): Esther Inglis

Script: Calligraphic scripts, including rognosa, tagliata and French secretary

Artist(s): Esther Inglis

Figurative Decoration: Author portrait f. 2v. Border of title page includes a bird.

Other Decoration: Each page of octonaries (except f. 4) decorated with painted flowers and fruit. Painted border with flowers around title page. Black initials throughout.

Notes: This manuscript of calligraphy is dated (ff. 1 and 2) 1 January 1609. Some notes in dossier place ms in England; other notes and Dictionary Catalog in Edinburgh. The dating clause on f. 2 reads: "Willingall Spayne, Ian. 1, 1609." Esther Inglis (1571-1624). Latin

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: ff. 1-53

Author: Esther Inglis

Title: Octonaries upon the Vanitie and Inconstancie of the World

Language(s): English

Incipit: Octonaries upon the Vanitie and Inconstancie of the World writin and limd be Esther Inglis, the First of Ianuar, 1609. In all piety, vertue and trew nobility. To the right puissant and honnorable lord, my lord Peter etc. My lord, my humble duty...

Explicit: With bounteous blissings so prevent/My wants that I may live content. The End.

Notes: Esther Inglis was the daughter of Huguenots who fled France in 1574. She married Bartholomew Kello, a clerk, in or around 1596. She used the name Esther Anglois, Francoise, until 1504, and thereafter, Esther Inglis.

f. 1 Title page, with author's name and date, with painted border.



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f. 2 Dedication to John Lord Petre, with border of leaves.



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ff. 2v-3 Author portrait on *f. 2v*; sonnet on *f. 3*.



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f. 4 Opening of main text. Initials.



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f. 16 Octonary with flower decoration.



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f. 38 Octonary with flower and fruit decoration.



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f. 53 Closing of text: final octonary, with flower decoration.



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